LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE DEBT RELIEF BILL.

PRESIDENT: Is it the desire of the House to go into Committee to-day also ?

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, I wish to submit one word. The Select Committee to which the Debt Relief Bill was referred has not concluded its work. But it has reached certain definite conclusions on the main provisions of the Bill and in the light of those changes, certain clauses require re-drafting. So, on the main conclusions arrived at, the Committee will be submitting a preliminary report shortly. We want some more time to resume the work and finish it.

PRESIDENT: It appears to me that perhaps the best plan would be, subject to what the honourable House has to say, for the Committee to go on with the work to-day and may either as a committee or by means of a sub-committee charge itself with the duty of making such draft changes which would be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the intentions of the Committee. Having regard to the fact that the Budget Session commences about the 18th July and as it is expedient if possible, that some kind of statutory form is given to the ideas of the Legislature before that time, the plan would be for the Committee to expedite its work by sitting for to-day and finishing the work.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I am afraid the work of the Committee would not be over by 5.0' clock to-day. The meeting of the Council commences next Monday and continues the next day also.

PRESIDENT: Therefore, if the work is not finished by to-day, the Committee could meet next Wednesday. There is the fact that the report of the Committee has to be published in the Gazette.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: There must be sufficient interval between the publication of the Report and the consideration of it. Hence I propose that the Assembly may meet again about 4 or 5 days before the next Budget Session.

(The House agreed to this suggestion).

PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now adjourn *sine die*.

In the meanwhile, the Committee will go on with its work to-day and proceed as far as possible. In the event of the work not being finished to-day, it may sit on next Wednesday also. It is hoped that, by Wednesday evening, a draft bill will be forthcoming. The report of the Committee along with the draft bill have to be published immediately after. As at present advised, subject to any unforeseen contingency, this House will be summoned about 4 or 5 days before the Budget Session for the purpose of considering the Debt Relief Bill.

The House adjourned *sine die* at 11-40 A. M.

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